

Diane Zurn

I believe strongly that our work in Set Decoration deserves to be both celebrated and protected, and I would be honored to contribute to that mission as a member of the SDSA Board.

With a BFA in Fine Arts and nearly 19 years of experience in both the set decorating and art departments, I am deeply committed to elevating our craft and furthering the values of the SDSA. Over the course of my career, I've had the privilege of working on a wide range of productions, reinforcing my belief in the power of collaboration, storytelling, and design excellence. A highlight for me in my usual work as a Buyer is the cathartic moment of seeing finished sets, which can be works of art worthy of a museum.

Beyond my work on set, I actively serve our community through union leadership as a Property Delegate for IATSE L44. I represent the interests and concerns of my fellow members, participating in policy discussions, communicating important updates, and ensuring that voices from the craft are heard at both the local and district levels. I pride myself on dissecting labor issues, collective action, accountability, and helping to shape resolutions that impact our workplace standards and protections.

Additionally, I am engaged in outreach through the Activism Committee of IATSE District 2, where I help amplify important issues across locals and strengthen solidarity. This work has given me a broader perspective on the issues facing entertainment workers and the importance of building strong, supportive networks across crafts.

I also bring nearly 10 years of corporate experience, including tech design, combined with continuing education in labor history, woodworking, decoration history, and 3-D design... rounding out my background, sharpening my craft, and keeping me grounded and current while deepening my understanding of our industry.

I believe that my professional experience, combined with my union service and passion for advocacy, uniquely position me to contribute to the SDSA Board. The SDSA is a vital voice for our profession, and if elected, I will work with dedication and integrity to support our members, champion our craft, strengthen our visibility, protect our shared values, and continue building the supportive, collaborative community that makes the SDSA so exceptional.